



Saturday Conservation Projects for Volunteers, January – June 2012

- Date** 7th January
Location *New Site* Swinyard Hill, adder site (SO 763 382, map 1). Follow MHC signs from Welland Village through Castlemorton Common, and park at Swinyard car park.
Project Meet Nigel Hand, reptile ecologist, and help to create glades for basking adders.
- Date** 4th February
Location Hayslad Bog, West Malvern (SO 763 467, map 2). Park on lay-by opposite Hayslad Spring (popular water collection site) on West Malvern Road **NOTE! Bring wellies**
Project Unique area of wetland plants which we will be helping with some scrub clearance
- Date** 3rd March
Location Parkwood, West Malvern (SO 762 443, map 3). Park at the top of the Purlieu (by West Malvern Road) and have a lift or walk (10 mins) to Parkwood. **NOTE! Rough track for vehicles!**
Project Planting hazel, oak and ash trees in this ancient woodland.
- Date** 7th April
Location Rushy Valley, bilberry site (SO 772 454, map 4). Park on the Wyche Road near to the Lower Wyche Road turning. **NOTE! 20 minute walk to this site!**
Project Cutting down the rowan saplings that are competing with the less commonly found bilberry plants, which are an important part of the SSSI designation.
- Date** 5th May
Location Swinyard Flush, Castlemorton (SO 764 381, map 5). Follow MHC signs from Welland Village through Castlemorton Common, and park at Swinyard car park.
Project Weakening the bracken growth in the flush (a SSSI) by cutting it. This helps a host of wildflower species, reptiles and the very rare high brown fritillary butterfly.
- Date** 2nd June
Location Ballard's Land, Chase Road (SO 765 424, map 6). Park on Chase Road. Follow MHC signs from the Kettle Sings café on Jubilee Drive.
Project Hand pulling/ cutting the invasive creeping thistle from this meadow which is one of the best sites for heath-spotted orchids in Herefordshire.

Conservation days are held between 10 am and 4pm, but you are welcome to come and go at any time in between. Tools and refreshments are provided along with friendly guidance. You may like to bring lunch. Please have clothing suitable for practical work and changeable weather, plus sturdy boots. Children aged 18 or under and vulnerable adults should be accompanied by an adult. For further details please contact the Wardens on 01684 892002. We look forward to seeing you soon.